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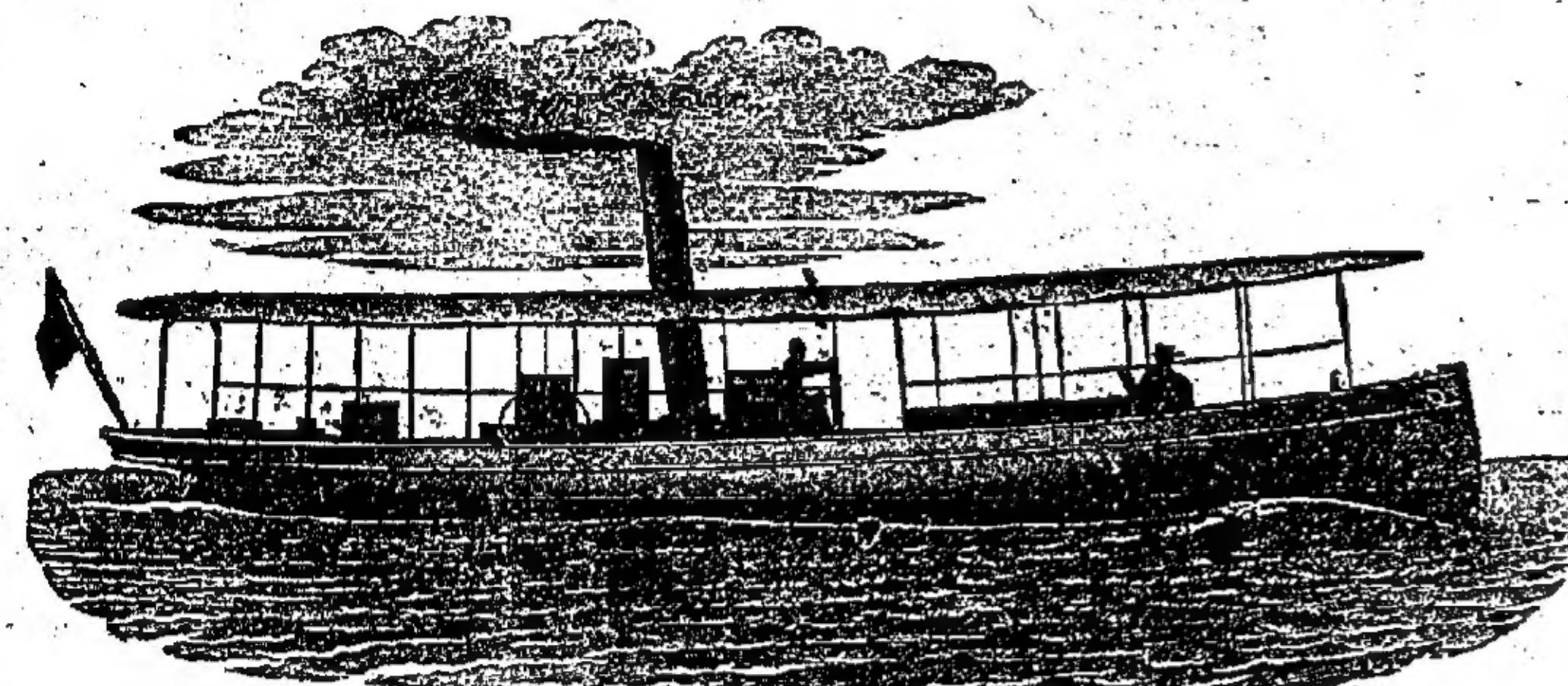
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MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Amusements:

9 p.m.—Performance by the Pollard's Lilliputian Opera Co., in the City Hall.

Miscellaneous:

Goods for *Kincising* undelivered after 4 p.m. this date subject to rent.

General Memoranda.

SATURDAY, January 12.—8.30 p.m.—Meeting of Lodge St. John.

MONDAY, January 14.—3 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of the Wanhsia Warehouses and Storage Co., Ltd., at the Office of the General Manager, No. 5, Queen's Road Central.

TUESDAY, January 15.—1 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of the Star Ferry Co., Ltd., at the Company's Office.

WEDNESDAY, January 16.—11 a.m.—Auction of 40,425 Sacks Flour at the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co.'s Godown, West Point.

NON.—Meeting of Shareholders of the China Provident Loan and Mortgage Co., Ltd., at the Company's Office, No. 9, Des Voeux Road.

9 p.m.—Meeting of Perseverance Lodge.

MONDAY, January 21.—Non.—Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., at the Office of the Company, No. 1, Queen's Buildings.

Exchange.

Hokkien, January 9, 1901.

On London—		20/13
Bank, Wire,	20/13	20/13
" On demand,	2/1	2/1
Credits, 4 months' sight,	2/1	2/1
Documentary, 4 months' sight,	2/1	2/1
On Paris—	2.60	2.60
On demand,	2.60	2.60
Ordr., 4 months' sight,	2.60	2.60
On Berlin—Demand,	2.12	2.12
On New York—	50/	50/
On demand,	51/	51/
Credits, 60 days' sight,	51/	51/
On Bombay—	154	154
Wire,	154	154
On demand,	154	154
On Calcutta—	154	154
Wire,	154	154
On demand,	154	154
On Singapore—	1 % pm.	1 % pm.
On Manila—	1 % dis.	1 % dis.
On demand,	72	72
On Shanghai—	30 days' sight, (private paper)	73
On Yokohama—	2 % dis.	2 % dis.
On demand,	50/00	50/00
Gold Leaf, 100 fine, (per tael)	8-9.58	8-9.58
Sovereign (Bank's buying rate)	207/4d.	207/4d.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

THE Attention of Advertisers is drawn to the Latest Hours for receiving Advertisements and Corrections to Advertisements:

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Port after removal should be rested for a month before use.

Wine required for drinking at once should be ordered to be decanted at the Dispensary before being sent out. These Wines are too favourably known to need comment.

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The publication of this issue commenced at 5.40 p.m.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 1901.

Editorial Comment.

The publication in these columns of the Memorandum from the pen of Mr. H. Kopsch, who is perhaps the fairest-informed and most mode-

rate, best-informed and experienced officer

who has ever served in the Imperial Maritime Customs, is well timed. As the docu-

ment was, we understand, forwarded to

the various Chambers of Commerce in the

various mercantile communities in the Far-

East. It is not easy to venture any

guess either as to the progress of the peace

negotiations, or as to the time when a re-

vision of the tariff may be made. Perhaps it

would be too much to expect that the hori-

zontal half-a-century's heartily

diplomacy on the part of Great Britain

in China can ever be completely

removed, or even neutralised. We much

for that the present coalition will meet

with but little success, unless the guidance

of the entire fiscal affairs of China be placed

in the hands of competent foreign advisers,

as the question of indemnity involves the

subject of taxation, and it may become

necessary for the Powers to secure the

payment of whatever sum may be agreed

upon, it is not impossible that the details

of a revised tariff may come to be

considered in this connection. Whenever

the time comes, the British Government

cannot complain of any lack of information

upon the various points which most nearly

affect Foreign interests and trade generally.

The various Chambers of Commerce have

freely expressed their views within the last

two or three years, and it may be noted

that the Hongkong Chamber has recently

judged the memory of the British Minister

at Peking (Sir E. Satow) on the manuscript

Whether the appointment of Ernest Satow

to the Chinese capital at the present crisis of affairs is or is not an unmixed good, seems

to be a very open question. Possibly some

good results may be evolved, after all, from

the peculiar appointment of Sir Walter

Hiller, who appears to be a sort of "spare

man" in the diplomatic field. Sir Walter's

experience and knowledge are un doubted,

and is just within the bounds of prob

ability that this visit of the former Chinese

Secretary of the British Legation to Peking

to H. E. Chang Chih-tung may be fraught

with important consequences to China

and to the world generally. It is

to whom we published yesterday

in the next English mail; and although

it is not to be expected that any inkling

concerning a secret mission would be per

mitted to get abroad, it is within the

bounds of probability that some notions

bearing upon the situation might be ob

tained from the flying diplomat by the

Committee of the Hongkong General Cham

ber of Commerce. There is certainly no

harm in trying to do so.

The Upper Yangtze.

The Secretary of the Hongkong Ge

neral Chamber of Commerce, on the 7th inst., read

a letter from Sir John Lister Kaye, dated

20th November last, acknowledging re

ceipt of the Chamber's letter of the 1st October with regard to his scheme for the

improvement of the navigation of the

Upper Yangtze, and stating that a despatch

had been sent from the Foreign Office to

Sir Ernest Satow inquiring whether the

Chinese Government would agree to the

scheme in trying to do so.

Landed Advises.

The N. P. Co. s.s. Victoria has arrived at

Yokohama, and will leave for Tacoma on

the 8th Inst.

The N. P. Co. s.s. Glaisher sailed from

Tacoma, from Japan and Hongkong, on

the 7th Inst.

The N. P. Co. s.s. Braemar arrived at

Tacoma, from Japan and Hongkong, on

the 7th Inst.

The N. P. Co. s.s. King left San Diego for

Yokohama on 10th Dec.

The M. M. Co. s.s. Lee, left San

Francisco on Thursday, the 10th Inst., and

may be expected to arrive on

about the 17th Inst.

This Packet brings replies to letters

despatched from Hongkong on Nov.

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The O. & G. Co. s.s. Coptic, with mails

&c., from San Francisco, to Hongkong, has

arrived at Yokohama, and will leave for

the 11th Inst., via Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki

and Shanghai.

The O. & G. Co. s.s. Gudie, with mails

&c., which left Hongkong Dec. 11th

for San Francisco on the 10th Inst., and

arrived at Nagasaki on the 11th Inst.

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SUPREME COURT.

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.
(Before His Hon. Sir John W. Carrington,
Kt., C.M.G., Chief Justice.)

Thursday, January 10.

LI WUN (PLAINTIFF) v. THE WIND FUG
TAI FIRM (DEFENDANT).

This is a claim for cancellation and damages, and Mr M. W. Shule (instructed by Messrs Wilkinson and Grist) represented the plaintiff, Mr E. Robinson (instructed by Mr K. Holmes) appearing on behalf of the defendants.

Plaintiff, in his petition, states that he is owner of the house No. 19 Jervois Street, and resides at a village in the Sunning district of Kwangtung. The defendants carry on business at his property in Jervois Street. On or about 12th March, 1899, they let the premises in Jervois Street to defendants at the rental of \$50 per Chinese month, on monthly tenancy. The defendants took possession and continued as tenants till the 15th March, 1900, when the tenancy terminated by a notice to quit duly given on the 15th of the previous month. The defendants disregarded the notice, and still retained possession of the premises. The plaintiff accordingly claims that the defendants be ordered to deliver to him possession of the house No. 19 Jervois Street, and that they be ordered to pay a sum of \$500 for disregarding the notice.

The defendants, in their answer, deny they ever took possession of the house on or about 15th March, 1899, but admit receiving, on or about 15th February, 1900, from the plaintiff's collectors, a notice to quit. They entered into possession of the premises on or about 18th October, 1899, on a lease for a term of thirty years, made in their favour by the plaintiff under the name of Li Fuk Tong, and by him, executed in his firm name of Cheung Lung. The rent, under lease, was \$72 per Chinese month, and, in addition, one half-dollar due monthly per Chinese month. The defendants duly paid this rent till the 4th March, 1899, and, thereafter, the plaintiff, having mislaid the lease, informed them the place of payment to which it ought to go. The plaintiff, however, he had lost his copy of the lease, or agreement for lease, and, on about 12th March, 1899, wrongfully required the defendants to pay rent at the rate of \$8 per Chinese month, or to give up possession. The firm, fearing they would be, in the circumstances, unable to successfully resist a suit for recovery of the premises, paid the wrongful demand on 9th April, 1899, and continued to pay until the 30th January, since when date they had offered and tendered rent reserved by the lease. Plaintiff, however, had refused to accept this.

Mr Shule read the petition and briefly addressed his Lordship.

Mr Robinson said that when his clients lost their copy of the lease, they were foolish enough to notify the plaintiff, who then took advantage of the situation to deny the existence of the lease, to raise the rent and to treat the defendants as monthly tenants only. At the time the defendants were in the position of not being able to prove the lease, and, rather than go out under protest, they paid the demand. His friend argued that the only inference from according to the demand of the plaintiff was that they agreed to surrender, but he contended, there was the other implication that they were not in a position to resist the demand, and were, therefore, obliged to accede, but without any agreement to surrender, and without any acceptance of a new contract. That was the point.

Points of law were raised and argued, and his Lordship, without taking evidence, adjourned the case till Wednesday next, when he will decide whether the hearing shall proceed.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE BOXING TOURNAMENT.
To the Editor of "THE CHINA MAIL."

HONGKONG, 10th Jan., 1901.

Sir.—I hope you will in future save your readers this account of any desultory boxing (fighting) that may take place amongst soldiers and sailors, which meetings can only be of interest to people who seem to take a pleasure in punishing one another's nose for the sake of a sum of money. What appears to me quite incredible is that some people like H.E. the Governor, H.E. the General and others should patronise such exhibitions of savagery. I know there are many apologists for the "manly art," but we who are of a nervous temperament and wish to bat with pens till the world do not care to read the descriptions of the fighting you have just noticed. I will only quote a portion of the narrative to show that such matches as those of last night's ought to be despised by the public. In the 3rd round, the British succeeded in felling Riley close to the rope by a tremendous blow on the back of the neck, a performance which was greeted with loud cheers. Riley, with a few seconds to spare, got up, but suffered rather heavily. Musto put in some terrific right-handed blows on Riley's ribs. The fourth round was very spirited, but Musto again grounded his adversary with another staggering blow on the back of the neck, which sent him twisting and retching.

What wholesome reading is all this! The Public should have stepped in and put a stop to the fight. I hope they will do so next time. If not they will be failing in their duty.—Yours,

DUMBBELL.

[Our correspondent is entitled to his opinion. If he does not like boxing tournaments, he need not attend them. If he does not care to read descriptions of boxing, he need not do so. We take it that the phrases he quotes are complimentary statements incidental to the description of a boxing match, and are not to be held in their literal importality—so to speak. For our own part, we do not attend boxing tournaments, nor do we care much for descriptions of them; but a section of our readers do both, and they are catered for. Had there been anything really brutal calling for condemnation, doubtless the gentleman who described the match would have done so.—Ed., C. M.]

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued from the Observatory:—

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LATE TELEGRAMS.

South African War News.

London, Dec. 22.—Lord Kitchener telegrams, in reply to the charges made against him, that the South Africans, trying to assert independence through violence, and were reprimanded by Lord Roberts. There was no mutiny or excitement. It is cruel, Lord Kitchener says, to publish an incident which the brilliant services of the South Africans have since entirely obliterated.

Government has arranged for the immediate despatch of reinforcements of mounted men and horses to South Africa, and 800 mounted infantry sail next week, whilst two cavalry regiments sail as soon as the transports are ready.

The continuation of the cartoon in probably 12,000 native troops authorized, with half-pay of regulars.

The New Foreign Secretary.

Calcutta, December 22.—Mr Barnes is granted Foreign Secretary vice Sir William Cunningham, who vacates.

The Emperor of Korea is gazetted an honorary Knight Grand Commander of the Indian Empire.

Movements of Indian Princes.

The Maharaja of Bikannir left Calcutta last night for his territory, but returns in a fortnight, hence in time for the Chapter and Investiture at Government House next month.

The Maharaja of Bikannir held a large durbar in his residence yesterday, which was attended by a very large number of Marquis.

The Maharaja Scindia leaves for Gwalior and for Lucknow for some shooting during Christmas.

Lady Curzon received visits, yesterday from the Maharani of Gwalior and the Maharaja Scindia's mother.

General Sir Frederick Carrington is com-

ing home. Heavy floods have damaged every line leading into the inverted zone of Cape Colony. The railway has been torn up by the Boers in three places north of Daar junction.

Six hundred men of the 1st Dragoon Guards embark for the Cape on the 8th proximate.

Casualties.

Calcutta, Dec. 24.—The following are casualties in South Africa:

13th December, killed: 20th Hussars, Lieutenant Colgate; 1st Cameron Highlanders, Lieutenant Murdoch; 2nd Somerset Light Infantry, Lieutenant Roid; 1st Royal Dublin Fusiliers, Captain McLean; 2nd South Wales Borderers, Captain H. D. C. Moody; Yeomanry, Lieutenant Royle.

Dangerously wounded: 1st Cameron Highlanders, Lieutenant Colgate; 2nd Northumberland Fusiliers, 2nd Lieut. Isaac and Stanton.

Severely wounded: Yeomanry, Captain V. W. Purvis.

Slightly wounded: 1st Royal Welsh Fusiliers, Captain the Hon. Clegg Hill; Field Artillery, Capt. E. H. Stevenson; Horse Artillery, Capt. E. H. Jones; Yeomanry, Capt. W. E. T. Bothwell; 2nd Northumbrian Fusiliers, Lieut. A. H. Jones; Captain Somerville, Lieut. Westmacott.

15th December: 2nd Grenadier Guards, shoulder accidentally dislocated, Captain the Hon. E. Cavendish.

14th December: 7th Dragoon Guards, wounded, Lieut. Manuel.

19th December: Reserve of Officers, late Field Artillery, died of disease Major G. E. Giles.

The following prisoners of war have been released: Gloucester Regiment, Major Tunwell; Capt. Pyle; Field Artillery, Major Messy; Army Service Corps, Lieut. McNally.

Australian Federation.

London, Dec. 23.—The *Dalloway* and the *Britannia* with the Duke of York's guard of honour, have arrived at Sydney.

The troops landed yesterday and were received with the greatest enthusiasm. The streets presented a most festive appearance. Lord Hopetoun and the Priests inspected them in barracks afterwards.

Election News.

Mr Taylor, Unionist, has been elected for the Blackpool Division of Lancashire in place of Sir Matthew White Ridley, raised to the Peerage. Mr Taylor polled 7,559 against 5,689 polled by Alderman Head, the Liberal candidate.

Obituary.

London, Dec. 24.—Lieutenant Gage, 45th Battery, Royal Field Artillery, died at Barrowpore yesterday of pyrexia.

Dec. 26.—Lieutenant Fagan, Adjutant, 1st Lancers, Hyderabad Contingent, was drowned on the 23rd instant, while trying to save a man's life in a tank at Barwana.

French Import Duties.

A Press communication issued on the 22nd inst. by the Finance Department states that the enhancement of the French import duties on Indian coffee, pepper, etc., has been postponed for six months till the end of June 1901.

Egyptian Affairs.

London, Dec. 26.—A Khedivial decree sanctions the construction of a railway from Aswan to Wadi Halfa, and Lord Cromer has announced the appointment of a few British civilians who, it is hoped, will be the nucleus of the future Sudanese Civil Service.

Lord Cromer, in a speech at Khartoum, referred to the progress of the Sudan, but said it was not to be expected that the Sudan would have a very speedy return of prosperity. Failing private enterprise, railway extension by Government must harmonise with the resources which are limited.

The Vicerey's Cup.

Calcutta, Dec. 24.—Cherry and Stand-off are now quoted at two each for the Cup, and Medals at various sums.

The following is the result of the race for the Vicerey's Cup:

Up Guards 1st.
Tidus Cuin 2nd.
Cherry 3rd.
Plums 4th.

The Vicerey's Cup was a great upset.

Up Guards winning in a criter, *Tidus Cuin* and *Stand-off* no-hare. *Stand-off* gave slight trouble at the post, but on the whole got off to a splendid start. *Cherry* started after all by Robinson, was somewhat slow at start, and never recovered the lead.

The Indian Famine.

The Famine Commission under Sir Anthony Macdonald will be pariticipate, visiting various centres in India to take evidence.

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FIVE SEALS, bearing the Chop of the

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the EMPEROR'S (all gold), and

made of beautiful Jadeite; also a

Costly Piece of WHITE JADE, carved

and epitomized in memory of the sixth last

Chinese Emperor.

Intending purchasers can see a Photo-

graph of this collection on applying at

the CHINESE MAIL Office.

Hongkong, January 10, 1901.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instruc-

tions to sell by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY,

12th January, 1901, Commencing at 2.30

p.m., at his Sales Rooms, Zetland Street,

No. 2.

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